

App. No. 10/605,211

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REMARKS - General

Applicant has made all of the suggested changes by Examiner to address the Section 112 rejections of the claims.

Examiner rejected the Claims 1-9, 11-12 and 16 with a Section 103(a) rejection based on Ryu (US5,634,048) in view of Robotham (US 6,704,024) and Claims 13-14 based on Ryu and Robotham in further view of Yau (US 7,155,487). Applicant respectfully argues that the application of both Robtham and Yau in this rejection is overbroad and should not be used to form a Section 103(a) and that this would not have been done by someone who is skilled in the arts.

Applicant has incorporated Claims 13 and 14 into the new Independent Claim 17. Applicant has also added the following language to the base claim " (e)shared electronic *documents* stored on the host computer by placing said document into a special folder where it is found by the host software application where said host software application monitors the shared folder by means of a watchdog service" This is unique to the current invention and is not in any of the referenced prior art of Ryu (US5,634,048) in view of Robotham (US 6,704,024) and Claims 13-14 based on Ryu and Robotham in further view of Yau (US 7,155,487) and is truly novel and unique and non-obvious to someone skilled in the art. None of the prior art references have a watchdog service.

Also applicants have rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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